Seaweed processing plant for extraction of chemical

900. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHNA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plant for the extraction of a chemical by processing seaweed remained unused for nearly 20 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the purchased plant was kept idle for 13 years by the Directorate of Fisheries, Tamilnadu and for seven years by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin;

(c) if so, what were the reasons for keeping it idle after investing huge amounts on it; and

(d) whether the said plant, which was transferred to the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin is being used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Sir, The machinery for Agar-Agar extraction from sea-weed, acquired by the Directorate of Fisheries, Government of Tamil Nadu in 1967 was purchased by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) in 1980 for utilisation under Lab-to-Land Programme. However, the machinery remained unutilized till 1987 because the response from the rural farmers in adopting the technology was not encouraging.

(d) The parts/components of the machinery are being utilised for a Pilot plant at the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin.

गांवों में जल की पूर्ति के संबंध में सम्मेलन

901. **श्री मोर्जा इर्शादबेग :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि गांवों में जल की पूर्ति के संबंध में मंत्रियों का सम्मेलन किस तारीख और किस स्थान में किया गया ; उपर्युक्त सम्मेलन के निष्कर्ष क्या हैं और उनके क्रियान्वयन हेतु योजनायें क्या हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय के ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : राज्यों के ग्रामीण जल आपूर्ति के प्रभारी मंत्रियों, सचिवों तथा मुख्य अभियन्ताओं का सम्मेलन 13 तथा 14 अक्तूबर, 1988 को विज्ञान भवन नई दिल्ली में हुआ था।

सम्मेलन में हुई आम राय की एक प्रति संलग्न है [**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 148, अनुबंध सं. 39]। राज्य सरकारों और अन्य संबंधित संगठनों से सम्मेलन में हुई आम राय को अमल में लाने के लिए आवश्यक कार्यवाही करने और पहली रिपोर्ट 31-12-1988 तक भेजने का अनुरोध किया गया है।

Allotment of levy sugar to Orissa

902. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa have requested for increase in the allocation of levy sugar from the Central pool;

(b) if so, the monthly demand of levy sugar made by the state; and

(c) the increase in the quota proposed to be given to the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Monthly levy sugar quotas are not allotted on the basis of demand/request received from State Governments/Union Territories, but on certain uniform norms. The monthly levy sugar quotas were revised upward in February, 1987, based on the projected population as on 1-10-1986, ensuring a minimum per capita availability of 425 grams. Accordingly, monthly levy sugar quota of Orissa was increased to 12393 tonnes per month from February, 1987 as against 11577 tonnes allotted earlier. The allotment of levy sugar to Orissa in future will continue to be made as per the above norms.